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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This morning, we will be led in prayer by our guest Chaplain, Dr. K. Randel Everett, president of the John Leland Center for Theological Studies.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us bow together in prayer.

Dear Father, we thank You for surrounding these Senators with such a great cloud of witnesses who have served in the seats of honor before them. We thank You for those who stood with courage during difficult days. We thank You for those whose wisdom guided our Nation through times of darkness. We thank You for the times when the Senate stood in unity in pursuit of justice when the world was threatened by the forces of evil.

Dear Lord, we pray that You will give these Senators freedom from the encumbrances of business, of pettiness, and worry. Loosen them from any of the sins of prejudice or bitterness or anger that might entangle them. Give them the discipline to run with endurance the race You have set before them. Fix their eyes on You, the author and perfecter of sight. And fill them with Your spirit so that they will not grow weary or lose heart.

Endow them with Your gifts of faith, hope, and love: Faith that You are the sovereign God, hope that righteousness will prevail, and love for You, for Your creation, and for each individual as a person of worth and value.

In Thy name we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. I ask the Democratic assistant leader if he will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the assistant Republican leader.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this morning Senator DOLE will give her maiden speech in the Senate.

When the Senate resumes consideration of the Energy bill, Senator BOXER will offer the first of her two amendments. The votes in relation to those amendments, as well as the pending Schumer amendment, will be stacked to occur later in the day. There are a number of scheduling conflicts, and we will be looking for the most appropriate time this afternoon for those votes to occur.

In addition to the ethanol amendments, a LIHEAP amendment is pending. Members may want to speak on that issue as well. Therefore, the vote on first- and second-degree LIHEAP amendments may be stacked to occur later today as well.

It is hoped that Senators who have additional amendments will make themselves available to offer those amendments so that further progress can be made on this important legislation.

I also add that it is possible we could reach an agreement for the filing deadline for all first-degree amendments.

Having said that, votes will occur on amendments throughout the day on the Energy bill, with the goal of mak-

ing substantial progress towards its completion.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

### SENATOR DOLE'S MAIDEN SPEECH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am aware that the distinguished Senator from North Carolina is going to make her maiden speech today. I haven't had the opportunity to say to her privately what I will say publicly, and that is my fault. But I simply say that we have this big horserace coming up this Saturday—the Belmont Stakes—and we talked about the pedigree of the horses that are going to be running that race. Rarely in the history of the Senate has there been anyone come with a pedigree of the Senator from North Carolina. She not only has a distinguished husband with whom we all served here in the Senate who was so direct and so full of humor and so full of wisdom, and a person we still miss today, but being a Senator in her own right, she has a pedigree that is basically unsurpassed: A person who served as a Cabinet officer on at least two separate occasions, who served in other capacities in the White House, and who was so good in her capacity as head of the International Red Cross, doing work all over the world that is still being done as a result of her leadership.

The Senate is certainly favored with her presence, and I look forward, as does all of the Senate, to hearing her maiden speech today.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, let me also say that had Senator DOLE not recruited my wife to come into government, I never would have met her. So in addition to all of her substantial accomplishments, she also has made extraordinarily good hiring decisions over the years and brought outstanding

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